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BAIL BONDSMEN-INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Sunday, December 3, 2017, at about 5:09 p.m., the Riverside County Sheriff Dispatch Center contacted the Riverside Police and Fire Dispatch Center advising two private bail bondsmen were just involved in a shooting in the Santa Ana River bottom, east of Van Buren Boulevard. Riverside Sheriff Deputies and Riverside Police Officers responded and located the bail bondsmen along with an injured male adult subject in a portion of the river-bottom within the city limits. The subject was taken to a local hospital with a gunshot wound to the head but later succumbed to his injuries and died.

The scene was secured by Officers and Deputies. Detectives with the Riverside Police Department's Robbery – Homicide Unit and Technicians from the Forensics Unit responded to assume the investigation. They are being assisted by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner. The identity of the deceased is pending the Coroner's investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined the two bail bondsmen entered the river-bottom and conducted surveillance on a wanted male subject. They located and became involved in a physical altercation with the wanted subject when a shooting occurred.



The bail bondsmen called the Riverside County Sheriff Dispatch Center and requested law enforcement and medical assistance to respond.

This is an ongoing investigation and there are no other details available at this time. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective Karla Beler at (951) 353-7138 or kbeler@riversideca.gov, or Detective Adrian Tillett at (951) 353-7105 or atillet@riversideca.gov. Those wishing to remain anonymous can email rpdtips@riversideca.gov or utilize the Riverside Police Department's mobile app "Submit at Tip" feature while referencing incident number P17217676.

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